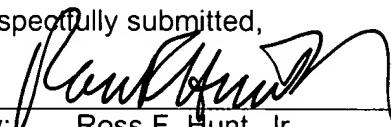


REMARKS

The present amendment to the claims is made to eliminate multiple dependent claims and the fee associated therewith.

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